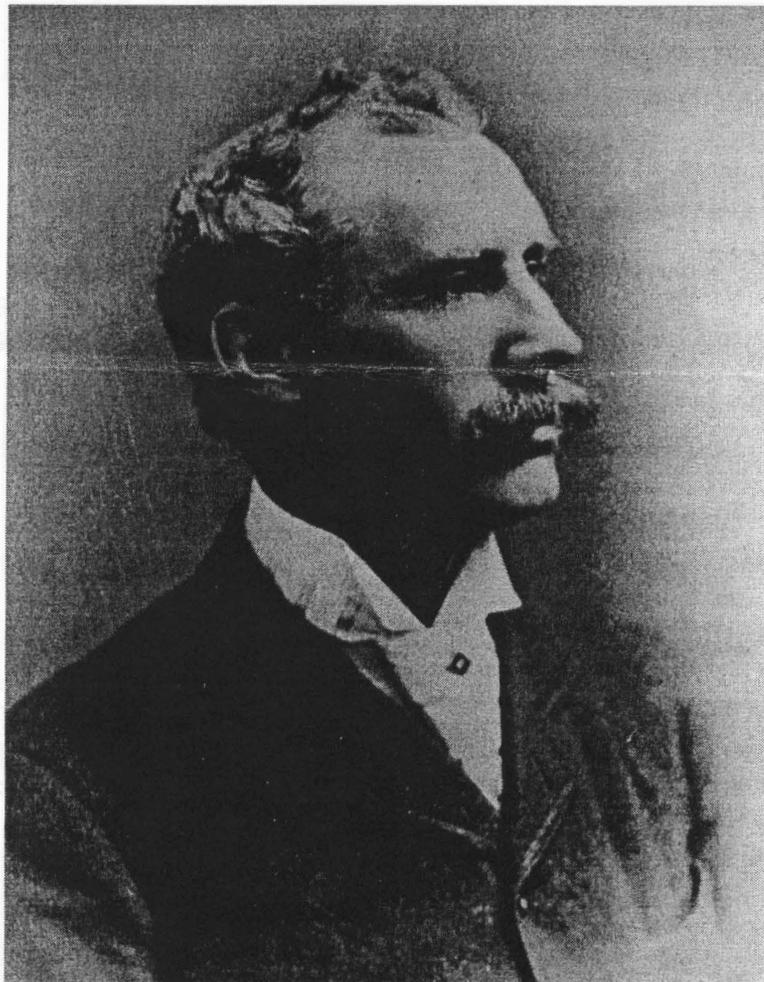


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Kirkland Heritage Society



Peter Kirk, Founder of Kirkland, Born in England, February 15, 1840

CELEBRATE PETER KIRK DAY FEBRUARY 15, 2002

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JANUARY 30, 2002 7:00 p.m.
Kirkland Congregational Church
106 - 5th Avenue

**ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT
WILKESON STONE**
David Knoblach

David Knoblach, our featured speaker, has done extensive research on Wilkeson Stone as well as the history of Wilkeson where it is quarried. Learn about the history and quality of Wilkeson Stone - the material that the front walkway pavers we are selling to help renovate the future Meeting Hall and Heritage Resource Center. It should be a fun and informative program. Be sure to attend and bring a friend!

**Update on
Market at 7th Avenue West Development Project**

Alan Grainger GGLO Architects, will present the design for the building proposed for the historically important site at the corner of 7th Avenue West and Market Street. Please see the sketch and article by Barbara Loomis on the design. This building will complete this intersection with the historic Peter Kirk, Campbell and Sears buildings.

The Board and Committee Chairs meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to the KHS meeting. All members are welcome!

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

February 15, 2002 Reception to celebrate the establishment of an annual **Peter Kirk Day** and **Founder's Week**. The reception will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Kirkland Arts Center. KHS Members and guests have been invited.

RSVP: Kirkland Arts Center 425 822-7161

**February 27, 2002 The Shinstrom Family
Redmond / Kirkland Connection.**
Presentation: Dick Shinstrom

WILKESON STONE PAVERS
MAKE WONDERFUL GIFTS!!

See the KHS Website or call 828-4095 for a form!

KIRKLAND TO PROCLAIM PETER KIRK DAY
David Cantrill, Archivist

Many years have passed since Peter Kirk, one of our city's Founders, has had a day named in his honor. The time has come to proclaim a permanent day to honor the memory of the man our city is named after. Since February 15 is his birthday, KHS has begun the process to have that day memorialized along with the week within which it falls to be called Founders Week. I was appointed to chair the task force composed of KHS members, people from the Arts Center, Chamber of Commerce, and City Hall.

This year our goal is to get the city to recognize Peter Kirk. The city responded favorably to our proposal and will proclaim February 15th as Peter Kirk Day, with the intent that it be observed every year henceforth. We also hope that the city will respond to the idea of a Founders Week and start thinking toward all that could be accomplished with this opportunity. We are in contact with Kirk's surviving family in the San Juan Islands and around the world. With the help of the Heritage Society I went back up to Friday Harbor on the 12th of January. Jim Capron Peter's Great Grandson is recovering very well from his recent stroke, and is looking forward to attending the festivities on February 15th. I also hope to bring back more pieces of memorabilia from his collection to enhance our display on his relative's birthday and the KHS meeting at the end of January.

Yours in Joyful Archival Service.

KIRKLAND ARTS CENTER — 40 YEARS

The Kirkland Arts Center will celebrate 40 years of creative expression and community building in 2002. To mark this occasion we will have an exhibit from April 11 to May 5 that embraces the people and events that have made the Kirkland Arts Center the landmark it is. Also, the Arts Center will dedicate an historical interpretive marker created with the Kirkland Heritage Society.

KAC is currently soliciting materials, memorabilia, memories (written or visual or audio recordings), photos and other items related to the Peter Kirk Building and the Kirkland Arts Center, aka Creative Arts League on a loan or donation basis. To submit information or items, please contact Elizabeth Umbanhowar at 425-822-7161 or eumbanhowar@kirklandartscenter.org.

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TALES FROM THE EAST SIDE JOURNAL

by Alan Stein

Here's an article written by Arline Stokes (André) that was published in the April 1, 1970 edition of the East Side Journal. It sheds some light onto KHS archivist David Cantrell's recent discoveries up on San Juan Island.

Kirk Family Violin now owned by Anacortes man

Ray Auld, an 85-year-old resident of Anacortes cannot remember the terms by which he became owner of an antique violin brought to America from England by Peter Kirk's family.

It was some 15 years ago that Auld first saw the violin in the San Juan Island home of Mrs. Victor Capron, Peter Kirk's daughter.

After Kirk's steel mill venture in Kirkland failed (1893) he and Mrs. Kirk retired to their summer ranch on San Juan Island. Most of the couple's eight children also lived on or near the island.

"Mrs. Capron (Fannie Kirk) and her sister Jessie Kirk Charlton were living in a portion of the large Capron home on Friday Harbor when I knew them," recalls Auld who sells subscriptions to a Seattle daily newspaper for a living.

"I always admired the antique violin," he recalled, "and one day when Mrs. Capron needed a new roof for her house, I came away with the violin... I don't remember the terms of the bargain – for all I know I traded her a newspaper subscription for it!" he laughed.

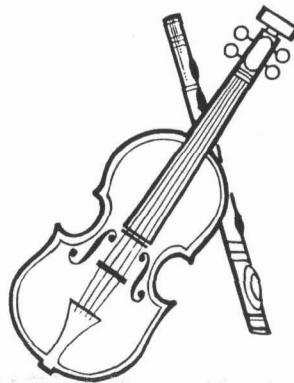
The violin, dated 1795m was purchased by Mrs. Kirk for her daughter Fannie while the family was still in England. Frederick Furnace, a concert violinist in England who gave lessons to Fannie, sold the instrument to Mrs. Kirk, when the Kirks were in England. Furnace used the instrument for his special concerts.

While the violin resembles a Stainer, appraisers say it is a Betts. Furnace believed it was discovered by Betts on the Strand in London and renovated by him.

"Mrs. Capron was very sure the violin was a Stainer," commented Auld, "She had it insured for \$1,600."

Most of the Kirk family's belongings were brought from England with them and were said to have been the finest, including their Victorian furniture.

It is believed that all their belongings went to the San Juan Island with the family, but to date none have found their way back to the town that Peter Kirk founded.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Individual dues are the primary source of income to KHS to support our ongoing activities. This has been an unusual year with lots of other requests for money from KHS to purchase pavers and to contribute to renovation of the Church for a Community Meeting Hall and Heritage Resource Center; however, over 90% of the members have renewed. We appreciate your continued membership support! If you have not renewed your 2001/2002 membership, please do so now! If you have questions on your membership, please call Bob Burke at 828-4095.

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

The following are either new members this year, or former members who have renewed their membership! Welcome to KHS and we look forward to your participation!

Julie Devine
Lynette Friberg
Judith Gray
Jill Keeney

Dennis Newell
Sharon Talbott
Kathleen Webb
Angella Wieben

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MARKET SITE UPDATE

Barbara Loomis

The mixed use, apartments and limited retail, with a public outdoor gathering space, development on Market Street is moving along. WestWater Development is proposing the project. It has received a SEPA Determination of Non-significance (although an appeal has been filed) and City Staff is finishing up their staff report for the Hearing Examiner's review and public hearing on the project scheduled for February 21st. After the Hearing Examiner makes a recommendation, the project will go to City Council for final action, probably in April.



The committee was formed to advise on the design of a project that would be historically and aesthetically appropriate to the old Leland Hotel site. The c 1891 Leland Hotel was a three-story brick building that was demolished in the sixties for a gas station! We felt very strongly that the only appropriate material would be brick, which is not what the developer had in mind at the beginning of the process. Keith Maehlum, President of WestWater, and Alan Grainger have attending numerous community meetings at the Market and Norkirk Neighborhood Associations, Kirkland Art Center, and the Kirkland Heritage Society, listening to the concerns and suggestions from the members of these groups. This project has come a long way from the beginnings about a year ago when they wanted to do a concrete building with a little bit of brick as a trim. Alan Grainger will present the proposal plans at our KHS meeting on the 30th.

This project has been designed by GGLO Architects, Seattle. Specifically Alan Grainger (the second G!) who I feel has done a wonderful job of listening to the comments and concerns of the ad-hoc advisory committee and community. The committee consisted of Maureen Baskin; Market Neighborhood Association, Elizabeth Umbanhowar, Executive Director Kirkland Art Center; Barbara Loomis, Kirkland Heritage Society; and Angela Ruggeri, City of Kirkland Planning Department.

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UPDATE ON CHURCH RENOVATION

A lot has been happening to start work on the building! The renovation plans by **Page & Beard, Architects** have been reviewed by the City and our historic preservation architect, **Ron Murphy**, revisions were made and the plans are now in for a building permit. We are beginning to organize the bidding process for the first phase of renovation. A year ago when we started this process, we hoped that we might have the building well under way by KHS's 25th Anniversary - obviously, that is not going to happen. So, we're planning on a celebration this Fall, tentatively scheduled for October!

Volunteers To Be Needed Again!

Although we have done some demolition and clean up of the building, now that the plans are complete, we know what portions need to be demolished to install seismic improvements. We will again be organizing volunteers to complete this work - hopefully before the bid process begins so contractors will know what the basic structure looks like. These efforts will include removing plaster from selected walls and actually taking out walls to prepare for new stairs and toilets. If you are interested in volunteering please contact **Don Winters**, 827-2650.

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Holiday Open House at the Johnson's

The 2001 holiday cookie exchange was held at the home of Darby and Scott Johnson. Their home is a unique mix of old and new: a two-story Craftsman bungalow built in 1916 that was moved and set on a new foundation in 1993. The Johnson's bought the house in 1996, and have been restoring the three-story house to its original state room by room.

"We spent the first year and a half fixing things that should have been fixed when the house was set on the new foundation," Darby explained. "Once that was done, we could start on the living room. All the woodwork was painted white. Even the fireplace bricks were painted white." The Johnsons stripped the paint off the board and batten fir paneling, sanded the wood, and then matched the original stain. The bricks were sand blasted clean and the fir floors refinished. Darby and Scott pulled off the sheet rock put up by the previous owner to hide cracked plaster and patched the plaster. The track lighting was replaced with replica fixtures purchased on a trip to Portland. Second-hand French doors closed off the drafty sun porch. Restoring the 19-foot by 18-foot room consumed over 2,000 hours of the Johnson's time.

The living room was photographed in October for inclusion in the book *Bungalows: Updating An American Classic* by Tauton Press. The book will feature twenty houses that have been either renovated or restored, and is scheduled for release in September 2002.

Since completing the living room, the Johnson's have renovated a bedroom/laundry room into a master bedroom and refinished the woodwork in their hallway.

The house originally sat on the southeast corner of 3rd Street and 1st Avenue (the vacant lot behind Wendy's). They have a copy of the photograph taken of the house census done in the late 1930s when WPA photographers helped inventory the taxable property in the state. The front porch had already been enclosed by that time, but the current cedar shingle siding had yet to replace the original lap siding. At one time a local minister lived in the house, and later it was home to a family with two boys, one of whom stopped by the Johnson's house one afternoon.

"He pulled up with a friend, got out of the car, said 'I used to live in this house,' and told us some great stories," Darby said. "When I asked if he was Matt, he looked surprised until I told him I'd seen his name on the old junction box upstairs. We also met an electrician who told us he went to parties in the house where they had live bands on the sun porch. I'm surprised the windows survived."

More pictures are on the KHS website:
<http://www.historylink.org/khs>.

WILKESON STONE PAVER SALES

There Is Still Time To Purchase!!

At last count we have sold 311 pavers which, net of paver cost and installation provides about \$12,000 toward the cost of the renovation. A number of people have indicated that they are going to buy pavers, but just haven't sent in the form. If you are among those, please send it in today! We hope to start installation in April. If you have any questions, call **Bob Burke**, 828-4095. In order to complete the front walkway, we need to sell 1,208 pavers - a combination of large and small.

Corrections To Paver Inscriptions

If you purchased one or more of the 5 3/4-inch square pavers you should have received a receipt with the information to be inscribed shown by the photograph of the Church at the top. If this is not correct, please make the corrections and return it ASAP so we can make corrections in the database. Those who purchased the large business pavers will be contacted individually to make sure their logo is correct. We hope to start installation in late March or April.

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CALENDAR

KHS PROGRAMS:

The Kirkland Heritage Society will offer the following programs for 2002. January and February are "set in stone" and discussed previously in this issue. Please read future publications or visit our website for updates and/or changes. I hope this year's programs spark interest in you and that you will join us monthly in learning about the history in our community and state. Thanks! **Shannon Harris**, Program Chair, 822-2478

January

27 Chuck Knobloch discussing the history of Wilkeson Stone and an update on the WestWater development project at 7th and Market.

February

15 Reception at Kirkland Arts Center celebrating Peter Kirk Day

27 Dick Shinstrom talking about the Shinstrom Family Redmond/Kirkland Connection

March

27 History of Music in the Puget Sound by Vilem Sokol

April

Date TBA: Kirkland Cemetery Tour by Alan Stein

May

29 Tour of Joan Voves' bungalow and KHS Election

June TBA

July

13/14 Kirkland Summerfest

August

28 KHS Blackberry Sundae Social

September TBA

October Tentative

30 KHS's 25th Anniversary Celebration

November No Meeting

December Annual KHS Holiday Open House

*Unless otherwise noted
KHS meetings are held
the last Wednesday
of the month at 7 p.m.,
Kirkland Congregational
Church, 106 5th Avenue.*

MEMBERSHIP FORM

July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002

KHS now qualifies for tax exemption under 501(c)(3) and your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law. We now qualify for match contributions by those employers who offer this benefit.

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My Company Matches Contributions

Contact: _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Your membership is the first important step in helping achieve our goals. Interested in helping on other projects? Please indicate the areas in which you are interested.

Serve on Standing Committee:

- Archives and Collections
- Communications Blackberry Preserves
- Oral History
- Historic Sites and Planning
- Membership and Funding
- Programs and Education

Work on Specific Activity:

- Christian Science Church Renovation
 - Funding: Pledge Drives, etc.
 - Volunteers: Carpentry, Painting
- Community Events/Exhibits
- Home Tour
- Photography/Update Slides
- Video on Kirkland History

Name _____

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Checks should be made payable and mailed to:
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